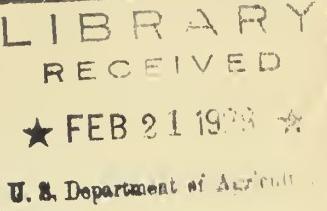


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THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET

The cold weather prevailing in northwestern Europe has caused extreme congestion in the port of Hamburg, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Thirteen orange and two apple ships are awaiting space to unload and the oranges are freezing. The oranges referred to are probably of Spanish origin. Only a few old stock apples were sold on the Hamburg auction on Thursday, February 14. Extra Fancy Winesaps, sizes 138/163, from the Pacific Northwest ranged from \$3.10 to \$3.16 per box. Barreled apples brought the same prices as last week.

The Hamburg market outlook for American apples is favorable as soon as the weather moderates because stocks throughout the country have been depleted. A total of 140,000 boxes is now awaiting sale in Hamburg, states Mr. Smith.

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